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TO : THE THOMASIAN COMMUNITY  
FROM : OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL  
RE : INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE THEOLOGY  
OF THE PRIESTHOOD  
DATE : 10 February 2024

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The University of Santo Tomas, in collaboration with Ateneo de Manila University, shall host the two (2)-day *International Conference on the Theology of the Priesthood* on February 13-14, 2024 (Tuesday and Ash Wednesday), at the Frassati Auditorium, UST Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, OP Building.

The Conference draws inspiration from research documents resulting from an International Symposium titled "For a Fundamental Theology of Priesthood" organized in Rome last February 17-19, 2022 by the Center for Research and Anthropology of Vocations.

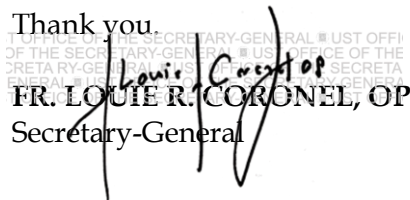
**His Eminence Marc Cardinal Ouellet**, *Prefect Emeritus of the Dicastery of Bishops*, and **Rev. Fr. Philippe Capelle Dumont**, *Professor*, Faculty of Catholic Theology, University of Strasbourg, will serve as **Keynote Speakers** for the first day and second day of the conference, respectively. *Please see the attached program for reference.*

Following a hybrid format, the event is expected to be participated in by seminarians, priests, religious and lay professors of Theology, representatives of the Association of Catholic Universities of the Philippines (ACUP), Association of South and Southeast Asian Catholic Colleges and Universities (ASEACCU), the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines (CBCP), seminaries in Manila and nearby provinces, and those who are interested in Theology of the Priesthood.

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Underscoring the gift of vocation and its challenges and responsibilities, Pope Francis said: "A vocation, while a gift, will undoubtedly also be demanding. God's gifts are interactive; to enjoy them we have to be ready to take risks. Yet the demands they make are not an obligation imposed from without, but an incentive to let that gift grow and develop, and then become a gift for others." (*Christus Vivit*, 289).

Thank you.

  
FR. LOUIE R. CORONEL, OP  
Secretary-General





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## INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE THEOLOGY OF THE PRIESTHOOD Manila 2024

### Day 1 (13 February 2024, Tuesday)

Time Slot	Activity
7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Registration
8:00 a.m. – 8:20 a.m.	<p><b>Preliminaries</b></p> <p>Opening Prayer</p> <p>Philippine National Anthem</p> <p>Vatican City Hymn</p> <p><b>WELCOME REMARKS</b></p> <p>Very Rev. Fr. Richard G. Ang, O.P. Rector, University of Santo Tomas</p>
8:20 a.m. – 9:05 a.m.	<p><b>KEYNOTE ADDRESS</b></p> <p><i>What is the Future of the Priesthood?</i></p> <p>His Eminence Marc Cardinal Ouellet</p>
9:05 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Intermission – UST Salinggawi Dance Troupe
9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	<p><b>Plenary Talk #1:</b></p> <p><i>A Sociological Reflection on the Selected Research Narratives of Priest Catechists and Young Filipino Catechized</i></p> <p>Dr. Clarence M. Batan</p>
10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	<b>Health Break</b>
10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	<p><b>Plenary Talk #2</b></p> <p><i>Vocation and Formation of Priests in the Philippines</i></p> <p><b>Most. Rev. Socrates B. Villegas, DD</b></p>
11:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	<p><b>Open Forum / Panel Discussion</b></p> <p>Dr. Batan and Abp. Villegas</p>
12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.	<b>Fellowship Luncheon</b>
1:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Intermission -UST Conservatory of Music String Quartet
1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	<p><b>Plenary Talk #3</b></p> <p><i>Care for Clergy: Addressing Stress, Burnout, and Wellbeing among Priests</i></p> <p>Rev. Fr. Jordan Orbe, S.J.</p>
2:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.	<b>Health Break</b>
2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.	<p><b>Plenary Talk #4</b></p> <p><i>Integrity in Ministry</i></p> <p>Very Rev. Fr. Gerard Francisco P. Timoner III, O.P.</p>





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	Master of the Order of Preachers
3:45 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.	<b>Open Forum / Panel Discussion</b> Rev. Fr. Orbe and Fr. Timoner
4:15 p.m. – 4:35 p.m.	<b>Announcements/Closing</b>
4:35 p.m. – 5:35 p.m.	<b>Eucharistic Celebration</b>

## Day 2 (14 February 2024, Ash Wednesday)

Time Slot	Activity
7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Registration
8:00 a.m. – 8:07 a.m.	<b>Preliminaries</b> Opening Prayer <b>MESSAGE</b> Rev. Fr. Roberto C. Yap, S.J. President, Ateneo de Manila University
8:07 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.	<b>Synthesis of Day 1</b> Dr. Joel C. Sagut Director, Center for Theology, Religious Studies, and Ethics
8:15 – 9:00 a.m.	<b>KEYNOTE ADDRESS</b> <i>“Here I am”! Theology of the Call</i> <i>Anthropological Challenges and Priestly Vocations</i> Rev. Fr. Philippe Capelle Dumont
9:00 – 9:15 a.m.	Intermission – UST Singers
9:15 – 10:15 a.m.	<b>Plenary Talk #5</b> <i>Role of Priests in Ministering to Migrants</i> Rev. Fr. Fabio Baggio, CS
10:15– 10:30 a.m.	<b>Health Break</b>
10:30– 11:30 a.m.	<b>Plenary Talk #6</b> <i>Women’s Contributions to the Priesthood –</i> <i>Then, Now, And in Years to Come?</i> Sr. Ma. Anicia Co, RVM
11:30 a.m. – 12:00 nn	<b>Open Forum / Panel Discussion</b> Rev. Fr. Baggio and Sr. Co
12:00 – 1:15 p.m.	<b>Fellowship Luncheon</b>
1:15 – 1:30 p.m.	Intermission – UST Singers





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1:30 – 2:30 p.m.	<b>Plenary Talk #7</b> <i>Role of Priests in Ecological Stewardship</i> Dr. Carmen Valdés
2:30 – 2:45 p.m.	<b>Health Break</b>
2:45 – 3:45 p.m.	<b>Plenary Talk #8</b> <i>Priestly Ministry in Social Media and the New Evangelization</i> His Eminence Luis Antonio Cardinal G. Tagle
3:45– 4:15 p.m.	<b>Open Forum / Panel Discussion</b> Dr. Valdés and Cardinal Tagle
4:15 – 4:30 p.m.	<b>Closing Remarks</b> Rev. Fr. Louie R. Coronel, OP Secretary-General, UST
4:30 – 4:50 pm	<b>Announcements</b>
4:50 - 5:50 p.m.	<b>Ash Wednesday Mass</b>





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**FEBRUARY 13 - 14, 2024**

21<sup>st</sup> Floor Frassati Auditorium  
Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, O.P. Building

**Keynote Addresses**



His Eminence  
Marc Cardinal Ouellet



Fr. Philippe  
Capelle Dumont

**Plenary Talks**



Dr. Clarence  
M. Sison



Fr. Fabio  
Baggio, CS



Most. Rev.  
Socrates B.  
Villegas, DD



Sr. Ma. Aniceta  
Co, RVM



Fr. Jordan  
Orbe, S.J.



His Eminence  
Luis Antonio  
Cardinal G. Tagle



Very Rev. Fr.  
Gerard Francisco  
P. Ilmonen II, O.P.



Dr. Carmen  
Valdez



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